

Washington County, Minnesota

Board of Commissioners - Actions

Actions at the Tuesday, August 18, 2009 Board Meeting

This page is a brief view of the actions taken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. For further information, please telephone 651-430-6001.

Washington County's mission is to provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.

Libraries get plan for serving residents into the future

Washington County Library received approval from the Washington County Board of Commissioners Aug. 18, regarding its plans for serving residents over the next 20 years.

The board approved the Washington County Library Board's Strategic 2030 Facility Plan. The plan's goals call for locating library buildings in convenient locations for residents; maintaining a network of different types of libraries; and developing a capital improvement plan for libraries.

Part of that plan states that there should be at least a third of a square foot of library space for each resident in the county. That standard will be applied in planning zones that reflect the different geographical areas of the county, and if the standard falls below that, facility planning will be initiated.

During its facilities planning, the role of technology for future libraries will increase, including the potential of providing kiosks with computers and lockers in areas that require enhanced library service, and increased online library services. The county's library strategic plan will be available at the county's libraries and on the county's Web site at www.co.washington.mn.us.

County will continue 4-H agreement until end of 2009

Washington County will enter into an agreement with the University of Minnesota Extension program through 2009 to provide 4-H Youth Development programming in the county, with money provided by local fundraising.

4-H and participants and community supporters have been actively working to identify and secure funding to support on-going programming. The Washington County 4-H Federation, a volunteer-led organization, has made a commitment to funding one full-time 4-H Program Coordinator and one half-time Program Support position for the period of Sept. 15, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2009. Both are University of Minnesota employees.

The University of Minnesota has agreed to accept the funds, and the county's Department of Public Health and Environment will be the fiscal agent for the program.

County receives thanks for lawn care help

The Washington County Board of Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a gift of \$50 from Myrtle Vollmer at its meeting Aug. 18.

The gift was offered as a “thank you” for help received for lawn care through the county’s Sentence to Service Program. The gift will be used to defray the cost of the Sentence to Service Program.

County Board will hear comments on sewage treatment regulations

The Washington County Board of Commissioners set a public hearing for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to allow for comments related to proposed revisions on the Washington County Development Code regarding subsurface sewage treatment regulations.

The county is required to revise the septic ordinance to reflect the revisions of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the design, installation, maintenance and use of subsurface sewage treatment systems.

The hearing will be during the regular board of commissioners meeting at the Washington County Government Center in Stillwater.
